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Thank you for your time,

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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I have been using computers since 1976. That is about a decade before even the first PCs. (even before DOS). I could use computers even without Microsoft. The question is would I want to do so. Imagine the millions of Americans today that use computers and the Internet without even a clue as to how difficult things once were.

I am writing this letter in hopes of restoring some sense to the current course of affairs. I sold my Microsoft stock shortly after Judge Jackson began to try to write himself into the history books. The reason Microsoft is so successful is because we the consumers want it to be. I do not want to purchase a menagerie of software operating systems and user applications that very likely will not work together. I know this started during the Clinton Administration. I feel that it is time to put a halt to this auto-immune attack

Microsoft is an important part of the U. S. economy. Please let Microsoft get back to software production. In these difficult economic times, we need to move forward. I would find it difficult to do my job without the innovations that Microsoft has provided. I will continue to depend on Microsoft.

Microsoft has agreed to a settlement that should provide any necessary compliance to regulations and prevent any further perceived need for anti-trust actions.

I hope that my opinion makes a difference. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

cc: Representative Howard Coble

Sincerely,  
Lester Ward

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